

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A wheel (~~1, 1a, 1b~~) for an item of sports equipment, comprising a rim (~~2~~) and a tire (~~3~~) that consists of several layers, is fastened to the rim (~~2~~) and is provided with a tread (~~9~~), and at least one support element (~~6~~) for the tire (~~3~~), which support element is provided with a resilient configuration and extends in a curved manner from a first bearing section (~~5~~) to a second bearing section (~~5~~), wherein the support element (~~6~~) supports the tire (~~3~~) essentially along an entire distance of a cross section thereof, and the tire (~~3~~) is provided, adjacent to the tread towards an interior of the wheel, with a layer (~~10~~) that is elastic in a direction of a thickness thereof.
2. **(Currently Amended)** A wheel (~~1; 1a, 1b~~) according to claim 1, wherein the first and second bearing section (~~5~~) are arranged at mutually opposite sides of the outer circumference of the rim (~~2~~).
3. **(Currently Amended)** A wheel (~~1; 1a, 1b~~) according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of support elements (~~6~~) are provided which are arranged in the circumferential direction at a distance next to one another.
4. **(Currently Amended)** A wheel (~~1; 1a, 1b~~) according to claim 1, wherein the layer (~~10~~) which is elastic in the direction of thickness consists of sponge rubber and comprises a thickness (~~D2~~) in the medial

plane ~~(2a)~~ which is at least five times but preferably ten times as large as the thickness ~~(D1)~~ of the tread ~~(9)~~.

5. **(Currently Amended)** A wheel ~~(1; 1a, 1b)~~ according to claim 3, wherein the support elements ~~(6)~~ are arranged as meandering spring wires.

6. **(Currently Amended)** A wheel ~~(1; 1a, 1b)~~ according to claim 1, wherein additional spring elements are provided for supporting the support elements ~~(6)~~.

7. **(Currently Amended)** A wheel ~~(1; 1a, 1b)~~ according to claim 1, wherein the support element ~~(6)~~ is clamped on the rim ~~(2)~~.

8. **(Currently Amended)** A wheel ~~(1; 1a, 1b)~~ according to claim 1, wherein the support element ~~(6)~~ is articulated on the rim ~~(2)~~.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A wheel ~~(1; 1a, 1b)~~ according to claim 1, wherein the support element ~~(6)~~ is resiliently held on the rim ~~(2)~~.

10. **(Currently Amended)** A wheel ~~(1; 1a, 1b)~~ according to claim 1, wherein the wheel ~~(3)~~ is rigidly connected on both sides with the rim ~~(2)~~ and rests freely on the support element ~~(6)~~.

11. **(Currently Amended)** A wheel ~~(1; 1a, 1b)~~ according to claim 1, wherein the wheel ~~(3)~~ is provided with a three-layer configuration and

consists of a tread ~~(9)~~, a soft-elastic inner layer ~~(10)~~ and a support layer ~~(11)~~.

12. **(Currently Amended)** A wheel ~~(1; 1a, 1b)~~ according to claim 1, wherein an engagement element ~~(13)~~ is provided on the rim ~~(2)~~ adjacent to the wheel ~~(3)~~, which engagement element extends along the circumference of the rim ~~(2)~~.

13. **(Currently Amended)** A wheel ~~(1; 1a, 1b)~~ according to claim 1, wherein the wheel ~~(3)~~ is provided with a non-pressurized configuration.

14. **(Currently Amended)** A wheel ~~(1; 1a, 1b)~~ according to claim 1, wherein the outside diameter of the rim ~~(2)~~ corresponds to approximately half the outside diameter ~~(D)~~ of the tire ~~(3)~~.

15. **(Currently Amended)** An item of sports equipment, comprising a frame ~~(20)~~ which extends in the longitudinal direction and on which at least two wheels ~~(1; 1a, 1b)~~ with elastically deformable tires ~~(3)~~ are rigidly held, a binding ~~(21)~~ for fastening the sports equipment item to a shoe ~~(22)~~ of a person, with a front wheel ~~(1a)~~ arranged in front of the binding ~~(21)~~ and a rear wheel ~~(1b)~~ arranged behind the binding ~~(21)~~, and with an extension ~~(25)~~ provided on the frame ~~(20)~~ behind the rear wheel ~~(1b)~~, which extension is for steering the sports equipment item and comprises at its distal end a support section ~~(26)~~, wherein the extension ~~(25)~~ can be brought by displacement of weight from a position above

ground level ~~(27)~~ to a position in which as a result of sufficient deformability of the wheels ~~(1; 1a, 1b)~~ it simultaneously touches the ground ~~(27)~~ with the front and rear wheels ~~(1a, 1b)~~, and at least one wheel ~~(1; 1a, 1b)~~ comprises a tire ~~(3)~~ that consists of several layers, is fastened to the rim ~~(2)~~ and is provided with a tread ~~(9)~~, and at least one support element ~~(6)~~ for the tire ~~(3)~~, which support element is provided with a resilient configuration and extends in a curved manner from a first bearing section ~~(5)~~ to a second bearing section ~~(5)~~, wherein the support element ~~(6)~~ supports the tire ~~(3)~~ essentially along an entire distance of a cross section thereof, and the tire ~~(3)~~ is provided, adjacent to the tread towards an interior of the wheel, with a layer ~~(10)~~ that is elastic in a direction of a thickness thereof.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A sports ~~device~~ equipment item according to claim 15, wherein the extension ~~(26)~~ is fastened to the frame in a resilient manner.

17. **(Currently Amended)** A sports ~~device~~ equipment item according to claim 15, wherein the extension ~~(26)~~ is elastic.

18. **(Currently Amended)** A sports ~~device~~ equipment item according to claim 15, wherein the support section ~~(26)~~ is provided with a plate-like configuration.

19. **(Currently Amended)** A sports device equipment item according to claim 15, wherein the diameter ~~(D)~~ of the wheels ~~(1; 1a, 1b)~~ is between 20% and 50%, preferably approximately 30% of the axial distance ~~(L)~~.

20. **(Currently Amended)** A sports device equipment item according to claim 15, wherein the binding ~~(21)~~ is arranged directly in front of the rear wheel ~~(1b)~~.

21. **(Currently Amended)** A sports device equipment item according to claim 15, wherein the frame ~~(20)~~ is provided with a rigid configuration.

22. **(Currently Amended)** A sports device equipment item according to claim 15, wherein the distance ~~(A)~~ of the support section ~~(26)~~ from the axle ~~(29)~~ of the rear wheel ~~(1b)~~ is between 30% and 60%, preferably between 40% and 50% of the axle base ~~(L)~~.

23. **(Currently Amended)** A sports device equipment item according to claim 15, wherein at nominal load the support section ~~(26)~~ is at a height ~~(x)~~ above the ground which is lower than the path ~~(y, z)~~ by which the rear wheel ~~(1b)~~ or the front wheel ~~(1a)~~ are deformed.

24. **(Currently Amended)** A sports device equipment item according to claim 15, wherein at nominal load the path ~~(y, z)~~ by which the rear wheel ~~(1b)~~ or the front wheel ~~(1a)~~ are deformed is larger than 15 mm.